BALA URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1958

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the annual report for the year ending 31st. December 1958.

Once again the general health of the population remained good, but again there was a small decrease in the population, i.e. of 10, and it is to be hoped that major construction works projected in the vicinity will upset this trend.

In this connection it is heartening to note that the total number of live births increased by eleven, but the number of deaths increased by four.

The number of deaths from cancer increased from two to five, and once again there were no deaths from Tuberculosis.

An epidemic of measles occurred during the year and there was an increase of one in the new cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

No cases of food poisoning were notified.

I wish to thank Mr. Griffiths and the officers of the Council for their co-operation during the year.

I remain,

Your obedient Servant,

EVAN RICHARDS.

District Medical Officer of Health

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area of Urban District in acres	-	659
Rateable Value at 1/4/59	-	£15,862
Population(Registrar General's figure)	-	1,550
Sum represented by a Penny Rate 1958/59	-	£59.17. 2
Number of inhabitated houses(according to the Rate Books) at the end of year	-	532

VITAL STATISTICS

Comparability Factors

Births	1.08
Deaths	0.88

LIVE BIRTHS	Males	Females
Total	20	14
Legitimate	18	13
Illegitimate	2	1

LIVE BIRTH RATE PER 1,000 Population - 21.96

1957 figures.

STILL BIRTHS	Males	Females
Total	Nil	Nil

STILL BIRTHS RATE PER 1,000 Population - Nil

TOTAL BIRTHS (Live & Still) - 34

Live - 34

Still - Nil

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR	Males	Females
Total	1	1
Legitimate	1	-
Illegitimate	-	1

Infant Mortality(Rate per 1,000 Live Births) 58.82 1957 figures-Nil

Deaths of Legitimate Infants
Mortality(per 1,000 Legitimate live Births) 32.26

Deaths of Illegitimate Infants
Mortality (Per 1,000 illegitimate live births) 33.33

Death of Infants under 4 Weeks	Males	Females
Total	-	1
Legitimate	-	-
Illegitimate	-	1

Illegitimate Live Births (per 1,000 population) - 1.93

MATERNAL DEATHS (including abortion) Total - Nil

MATERNAL MORTALITY (Rate per 1,000 live and still births)
(Death connected with childbirth and pregnancy 1958 figure) - Nil

DEATHS

		Male	Female
Total Number - 25	Total Number	12	13
Rate per 1,000 population	-	16.12	
1957 figures	-	12.82	

DEATHS FROM CANCER

Total Number - 5		2	3
Rate per 1,000 population		3.22	
1957 figure	-	1.28	

DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS

Total Number	-	Nil
Rate per 1,000 population	-	Nil
1957 figure	-	Nil

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

1. Public Health Officers of the Authority

One Medical Officer of Health.

One Public Health Inspector.

2. Laboratory Facilities

Water Analysis (Chemical) carried out by Mr. Harold Lowe, Public Analyst, Chester.

Water analysis(Bacteriological) and milk examination for cleanliness and keeping quality by the Public Health Laboratory Conway and Aberystwyth.

3. Ambulance Facilities

One ambulance stationed in Bala.

4. Infant Welfare Clinics

Held every fortnight at Hafan Bala.

5. Ante Natal Clinics

Held at Hafan, Bala once a month.

6. Orthopaedic Clinic

Held at Hafan, Bala once a month.

7. Tuberculosis Clinic

Held at the Cottage Hospital Dolgellau twice a month.

8. Diphtheria Immunisation

Arranged by the County Medical Officer of Health.

Immunisation of babies and young infants is carried out at regular intervals at the Primary School.

9. Hospitals - There is no hospital within the Urban area.

10. INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Total number of Infectious Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) notified during the year - 20

Scarlet Fever - Nil
Bacillary Dysentry - Nil
Whooping Cough - Nil
Measles - 20
Infantile Paralysis - Nil

TUBERCULOSIS

NEW CASES

Pulmonary Total - 2
Males - 1 Females - 1

Non-Pulmonary Total - Nil
Males - Nil Females - Nil

TUBERCULOSIS DEATHS

Pulmonary Total - Nil
Males - Nil Females - Nil

Non-Pulmonary Total - Nil
Males - Nil Females - Nil

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality during 1958 in age groups

Age Periods	New Cases: Respiratory		New Cases: Non-Respiratory		Deaths: Respiratory		Deaths: Non-Respiratory	
0	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1								
2								
5								
10								
15								
20								
25								
35								
45								
55								
65		1						
75	1							
TOTAL	1	1						

CAUSES OF DEATH 1958

	Male	Female
Tuberculosis Pulmonary	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
Cancer Stomach	1	1
" Lungs	-	-
" Breast	-	-
" Other Sites	1	2
Vascular lesions of nervous system	1	2
Coronary diseases, angine	2	2
Hypertension with heart disease	-	-
Other heart diseases	6	2
Other circulatory disease	-	1
Influenza	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-
Bronchitis	-	-
Other diseases of respiratory system	-	-
Ulcer of Stomach and duodenum	-	-
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-
Nephritis and nephrosis	-	2
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1	1
Motor Vehicle accidents	-	-
All other accidents	-	-
Suicide	-	-
Total	12	13

No. of prosecutions - NIL

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT SECTION 47

No action taken during the year.

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1. DRAINAGE. The work of altering the drainage systems of premises in order to connect them to the new public sewers was commenced at the end of the year.

2. WATER SUPPLY. No. of water samples taken - 5

Three of these samples were placed in Class 1 - satisfactory.

The other two were placed in Class 2 - satisfactory, but not quite up to the standard for a main piped supply.

3. CLEAN AIR. The Gas Works, Bala is now controlled under the Alkali etc Works Regulations, 1906, by the Alkali Inspector, and not by the local authority under the Clean Air Act 1956.

The Council resolved during the year to adopt the Model Building Byelaw for use under section 24 of the Clean Air Act 1956. The purpose of the byelaw is to facilitate smoke abatement work in future by securing that domestic appliances in buildings erected after that date are of types which can be operated without smoke.

4. RODENT CONTROL. Treatments are carried out by a part-time operator as and when required. Particular attention is paid to the refuse tip.

5. HOUSING. One scheme of improvement under the Housing Act 1949 was completed during the year. No new houses were built.

6. RENT ACT 1957. One application for a Certificate of Disrepair was received and approved by the Council in respect of some, but not all, defects. It was not necessary to issue the Certificate, however, as the landlord gave an undertaking under paragraph 5 of the First Schedule.

7. UNSOUND FOOD. Numerous canned goods were voluntarily surrendered during the year because they were unfit for human consumption. Unsound food is disposed of by burying at the refuse tip.

8. SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS. No. of animals slaughtered:-

Cattle excluding Cows	-	173
Cows	-	2
Calves	-	9
Sheep or Lambs	-	1903
Pigs	-	281

Condemnations were mainly livers. Two whole sheep carcases were condemned, one for pathological emaciation and the other for septicaemia. There were no condemnations for tuberculosis or cysticerci.

There is only one private slaughterhouse in the district. Preliminary steps with regard to the Slaughterhouse Report to be prepared under the Slaughterhouses Act 1958 were taken during the year.

9. MILK AND DAIRIES. Two dealers' licences and one supplementary licence to sell raw milk, and one licence to sell pasteurized milk, were issued. Another producer/retailer has a restricted sale in the district.

Four bacteriological samples were taken during the year. In all cases the guinea-pig showed no evidence of tuberculosis or brucella infection.

10. ICE CREAM. Four samples of ice-cream were taken during the year. Three were placed in Provisional Grade 1 and one in Grade 2. The Grade 2 sample was from a complete cold mix. The position can be regarded as satisfactory.

11. FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS. Further attention to the provisions of these regulations will have to be given when work on the Sewerage Scheme is completed. There were no prosecutions during the year.

SUMMARY AND CLASSIFICATION OF VISITS

(a) PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS.

1.	Drainage and Sewerage	163
2.	Water Supply	15
3.	Public Cleansing	7
4.	Nuisances	87
5.	Moveable Dwellings	6
6.	Factories	2
7.	Shops	43
8.	Rodent Control	20

(b) HOUSING ACTS

1.	General	148
2.	Rent Control	7

(c) FOOD AND DRUGS ACT

1.	Meat Inspection	163
2.	Unsound Food	9
3.	Milk and Dairies	8
4.	Preparation, storage and sale of food	43

(d) MISCELLANEOUS

1.	Miscellaneous	12

NOTICES

	Issued	Complied with
Preliminary Notices	13	10
Statutory Notices	3	3